

**APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM
OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION
FISCAL YEAR 2010**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

1. Project Title: 17th Avenue Trolley Trail – Springwater Connector

2. Organization Name and address:

City of Milwaukie / 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd. / Milwaukie, OR 97206

3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:

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4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):

SE 17th Avenue, Milwaukie, from Ochoco Street to Johnson Creek

5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:

General purpose municipal government (City)

6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)

The proposed 17th Ave. Connector would link two major regional multi-use trail systems, the Trolley Trail and the Springwater Corridor. SE 17th Ave. is the most direct route between the Milwaukie Town Center, Milwaukie Riverfront Park and the Trolley Trail to the south, and the Springwater Corridor to the north. In addition, the project would extend the multi-modal improvements made to McLoughlin Blvd. as part of a "Special Transportation Area" boulevard project.

More specifically, the proposed project would construct sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides of SE 17th Ave. between Lava Dr. and SE Milport Rd. North of Milport the project would construct a sidewalk on the west side and bike lanes on both sides, continuing to SE Ochoco. Improvements would include a 6 foot sidewalk, 5 foot planter, and 6 foot bike lanes. Total project length is approximately .9 miles. Project includes curb and stormwater improvements, ADA ramps at all intersections, new pavement markings, new lighting, and construction of a pedestrian island.

7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

No.

7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):
Federal Highway Administration - Surface Transportation Program (STP)

9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

Project addresses a missing link in the regional multi-use trail system, allowing a smooth connection from the northern terminus of the Trolley Trail (Milwaukie Riverfront Park) to the Springwater Corridor at Ochoco Street. The portion of SE 17th Ave. to be addressed is part of the most direct bike and pedestrian route between downtown Milwaukie (and points further south) and downtown Portland. Project is an element of the 2035 RTP Financially Constrained System List.

The existing conditions on 17th Ave. include bike lanes in some sections, sidewalks in others, and short stretches with both. Transitions at the Milport and Hwy. 224 intersections are particularly difficult for non-auto travelers. The absence of curbs and stormwater drainage along stretches has resulted in erosion and deteriorating conditions in bike lanes. The mix of deteriorating infrastructure and changing conditions results in a hazardous and confusing environment, particularly for bicyclists and pedestrians.

The situation is exacerbated by the presence of high levels of auto, bus, and freight traffic. Highway 224 intersects with 17th Ave. in the southern portion of the proposed project area. A 2003 traffic count documented 1500 trips in the PM peak hour on 17th Ave at Ochoco (north and south). A 2000 City of Portland traffic count at Tacoma (one intersection north of the project area), documented over 12,000 daily trips. Immediately to the east is a warehousing and industrial district. A TGM-funded study performed by OTAK in 2003 (North Industrial Land Use/Transportation Plan) called for pedestrian improvements along 17th Ave. to improve safety and minimize conflicts with freight traffic.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress?

If so, who?

Project is on the Portland regional priority list as adopted by JPACT and will be submitted to Sen. Wyden and Sen. Merkley.

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):

\$3,745,000

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:

\$3,360,000

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)

\$385,000 (City of Milwaukie local funds & North Clackamas Parks and Rec. District)

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?

No

e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.

(e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

Survey/PE/Environmental: \$500,000

ROW: \$115,000

Final Design/Construction Engineering: \$440,000
Construction: \$2,500,000

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

JPACT

North Clackamas Parks and Recreation Department

Dark Horse Comics

Milwaukie City Council

Milwaukie Public Safety Advisory Committee

Rep. Carolyn Tomei

Connecting Green (Trolley Trail and 17th Avenue Connection together are listed as one of 20 key regional trail "packages" being considered by the Blue Ribbon Committee on Trails)

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):

Yes. A smaller appropriation could fund either design or design and construction of a sub-section of the project (i.e., phase project at SE Milport Rd.).